



# WIS 29 preservation plan

## Wittenberg to Green Bay

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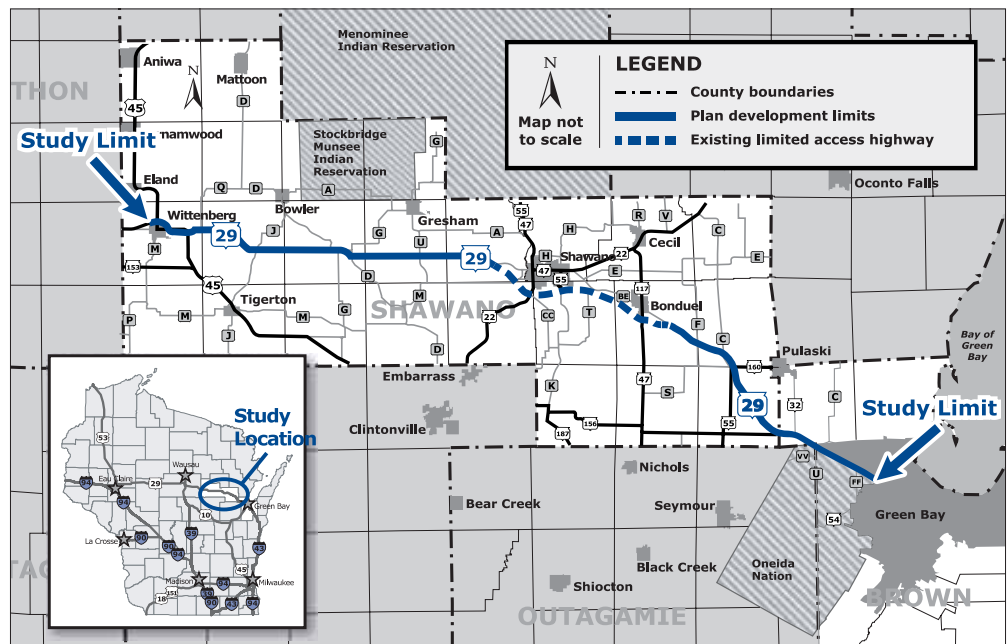
#### Brown County update:

- Public information meeting and engineering summary
- Next step – Environmental Assessment

#### Shawano County update:

- Interchange alternatives
- Invitation: Shawano County public information meetings

## Plan development continues



WisDOT is developing a plan to preserve right of way along 61 miles of WIS 29 from US 45 in Wittenberg to County J west of Green Bay.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is continuing to develop a right of way preservation plan for WIS 29 in Shawano and Brown counties.

The goal of the plan is to preserve the public investment in the highway by planning for long-term mobility and safety. **No construction work is scheduled at this time.**

Current planning work started in fall 2004. So far, WisDOT and the project team have:

- Assessed **existing conditions**, such as traffic volumes, crashes, wetland information and existing land use.
- Researched **future land-use plans**.

- Projected **2040 traffic volumes**.
- Held more than **35 small-group meetings** in Shawano County and a **public information meeting** in Brown County.
- Determined **potential, future locations for interchanges** in Shawano County.
- Developed **concept plans** for future improvements in Brown County.

Future steps in plan development involve:

- Developing **concept plans** in Shawano County for interchanges, overpasses and local road system modifications.
- Preparing an **Environmental Assessment (EA)** for future improvement alternatives in Brown County.



*The plan development team will recommend options for future location of interchanges, overpasses and reconfigured local roads along WIS 29.*

## Preliminary engineering moves forward in Brown County

*Citizens share questions, concerns at public meeting*

WisDOT invited citizens to a public meeting in Brown County on May 24, 2005, at Hillcrest Elementary School.

Many comments collected at the meeting reflected concerns about providing local access and maintaining the safety of the highway. The project team also learned about local development plans. Based on input from local officials and the public, the project team will proceed with preliminary engineering work on the alternatives presented at the meeting. **No construction work is scheduled at this time.** Preliminary engineering will begin for:

- A diamond interchange with WIS 29 near County VV.
- A diamond interchange with WIS 29 at County FF.

- An overpass of WIS 29 or an interchange with WIS 29 at County U.
- Restoring connections to the local road system.

The team will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) that evaluates benefits and impacts associated with each alternative. Impacts now being studied are:

- Property (homes, farms, businesses).
- Costs (construction, right of way).
- Environmental (wetlands, archeological sites).

The EA is expected to be complete by winter 2005-2006. The preferred alternative will be selected after the EA is reviewed and input is collected at a public meeting.

## You're invited!

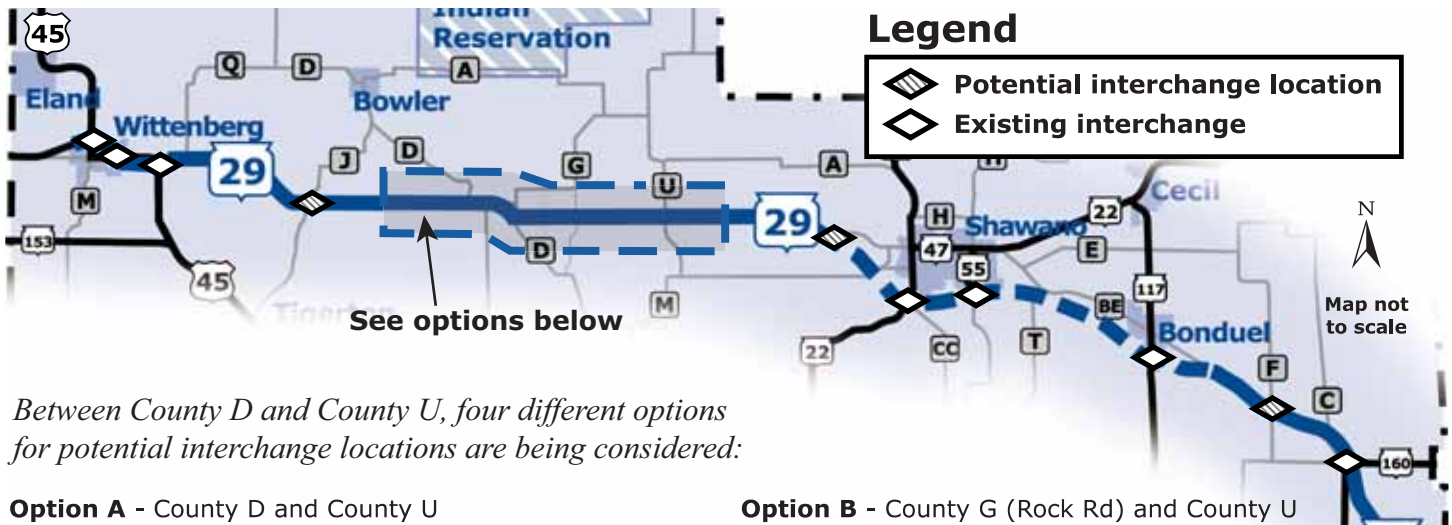
### Shawano County public meetings

WisDOT invites citizens to attend a public information meeting for the Shawano County segment of the WIS 29 plan development. As a convenience, similar meetings will be conducted at two locations on two different evenings between 5 and 7:30 p.m.:

- **Western side of corridor:**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2005**  
Herman Town Hall  
N5628 County Trunk U
- **Eastern side of corridor:**  
**Thursday, Nov. 3, 2005**  
Angelica Town Hall  
N3285 County Road C

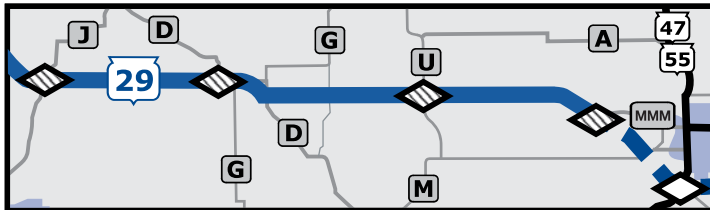
Both meetings will be "open-house" formats with short presentations at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. During the open houses, WisDOT team representatives will share information about existing corridor conditions, future travel demands and potential interchange locations.

The meetings are an opportunity for citizens to offer feedback as the team moves ahead with the plan development.

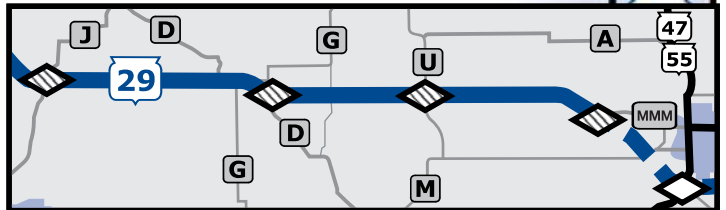


*Between County D and County U, four different options for potential interchange locations are being considered:*

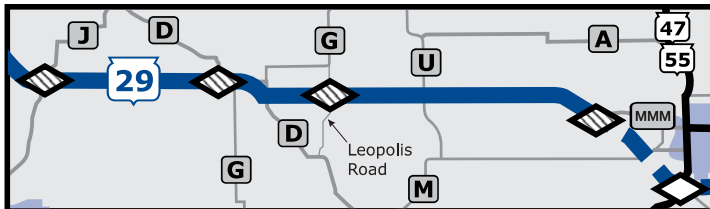
**Option A - County D and County U**



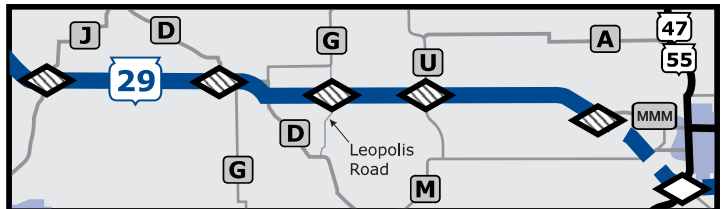
**Option B - County G (Rock Rd) and County U**



**Option C - County D and Leopolis Rd**



**Option D - County D, Leopolis Rd and County U**



## WisDOT, Shawano County communities working together

During the past several months, members of the plan-development team have met three times with a local stakeholder committee that represents business, government, farming and tribal interests along the WIS 29 corridor in Shawano County.

Team members also met with more than 35 small groups throughout the corridor. The team recognizes that topics of great interest and concern to citizens include:

- Interchange locations.
- Overpass/underpass locations.
- Safety problems that might develop.
- Frontage road locations and reconfigured local roads.
- Snowmobile crossing locations.
- Property impacts.

The local meetings helped the project team begin outlining solutions for local access and conceptual interchange alternatives.

In the upcoming months, project team members will conduct meetings in towns along the corridor to review proposed interchange, overpass/underpass and local road layouts. With input from the stakeholder committee and town public meetings, WisDOT will refine concept plans and evaluate how well the alternatives meet the study goal and objectives for preserving the highway corridor while minimizing impacts to local communities and natural resources.

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# Preservation plan timeline

Development of the WIS 29 preservation plan is expected to last about two years. Milestones in the plan development are shown below.

	ACTIVITY	Winter 2004/05	Spring 2005	Summer 2005	Fall 2005	Winter 2005/06	Spring 2006	Summer 2006	Fall 2006	Winter 2006/07	Spring 2007
SHAWANO COUNTY	Assess existing conditions										
	Review land use and access										
	Develop concept plans										
	Finalize recommendations/corridor report										
	Develop preliminary plan										
	Develop environmental document										
	Develop right of way map										
BROWN COUNTY	Develop preliminary road plan										
	Develop environmental document										
	Develop right of way map										

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